

Council of Social Services Dunedin NEWSLINK

"The Coming Storm has arrived"

The coming storm has now arrived for the NGO sector and with a little bit of research we found that of the 996 Charities registered with the Charities Services

www.charities.govt.nz here in Dunedin, 401 Charities made a loss averaging \$25,000. Of those 172 funded by Government Contracts, 79 made a loss.

There is also some sound statistical information that supports the value that the sector contributes to the community, e.g. non-profit institutions contributed 2.6 percent to the NZ Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2004. The non-profit institution Satellite Account 2004 – Statistics. Health care and social assistance is one of Otago's 4 biggest industries.

A 2012 Ministry of Social Development funded report counted 2,300 service providers providing close to 4,300 contracts. This is a heavy administrative burden on providers and MSD alike.

In September 2014 the Department of Internal Affairs received applications for \$5.4m of lottery grant funding in Otago & Southland. \$1.4m was available - a quarter of what was asked for.

These are not healthy statistics, but there are a number of contributing factors. Government contracts are being standardised, charity reporting requirements are changing, services are being tendered internationally in some cases and contracts are being based around outcomes which can make measurements difficult.

We have in recent months seen some of the impact in Dunedin. The results are services being discontinued, taken over and merging.

More collaboration is needed. This is not a

dirty word. Collaboration will help needed services survive. When a good job is being done organisations feel more valued and engaged in the services they provide.

Demand for services is increasing at a time when the sector's traditional revenue base is contracting. Falling donations, cuts in grants and financial controls all contribute to insecurity.

Providers from the private and not-for-profit sectors co-exist in a "crowded marketplace" where organisations compete for resources, while individuals and families in need of support must navigate a confusing array of providers and services.

How do we address this ever changing environment? By developing enough capacity to implement reforms and this will only happen by developing professional standards of practice in service and governance. We must promote innovative and best practice methodologies and encourage boards to be involved and multi-skilled.

Whatever we think of the reasons for these changes – they are real and they are affecting us.

This is not a picture of doom. There are opportunities for developing great services, but we need to be innovative to take them.

COSSD is a membership organisation and we too face these challenges. We want to work with our membership, new and old, to find the answers that ensure the people we serve are valued and the wellbeing of communities is sustained.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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The Communication in a Cup of Tea

"It's impossible to fight when having a cup of tea on someone else's turf" are the most memorable words I took away from the Foreign Policy School hosted by the University of Otago recently. The home-grown wisdom came from Gretchen Robertson, the Deputy Chair of the Otago Regional Council. Similarly, we might remember others operating in another political sphere also realise the symbolic power in a 'cup of tea', leading sometimes to unforeseen consequences. As a communication analyst, spending much of my time scrutinising how institutions and powerful individuals persuade and engage with others in the hope of furthering organisational and personal goals, I find such examples have much to teach us. The take-away message is this: communication does not happen over 'a cup of tea', but in a real sense, communication *is* the 'cup of tea'. We can only make sense of this if we step back and reconsider how we think about communication.

We will be blind to Gretchen's insight if we simply consider communication as the exchange of information between senders and receivers through a channel such as voice, telephones, or newsletters. The transmission model described loses much of the social-symbolic power associated with a 'cup of tea' because at best the event is reduced to a context in which *real* communication takes place. Subsequently, we focus on the most effective words and mode of delivery to maximise communicative effectiveness, without realising the communication engagement began as soon as the invitation to 'share a



cuppa' went out. In other words, in the New Zealand experience, the ritual of sharing a cup of tea mobilises an internal narrative of friendship and collaboration with emotional and cognitive features extending beyond the deployment of information capsules. In a political sense, we might see some similarities with the ritual of smoking a peace-pipe among Native Americans, popularised in TV Westerns. We might consider other communication rituals that actually perform more work than might at first appear. For example, the announcement timing and frequency of meetings with internal and external stakeholders is communicative, mobilising internalised sense-making narratives, before the Chair speaks a word. Think about the positive and negative associations when considering, 'we have always done it this way'. Perhaps some rituals need to be reconsidered and replaced with others, but think carefully through the process. When employers consider that paying their staff in lieu of 'smoko' breaks is an adequate compensation to justify its removal, they really show a lack of appreciation for what a 'cuppa' communicates. Rituals are not only containers of meaning but the actual raw material of 'meaningful' practice. So the next time you email your clients or members an invitation to share a cuppa, consider the conversation already begun.

Dr Michael Bourk, Dept. Media, Film & Communication
30 June, 2014

Who will be responsible for health and safety at work under the new law?

A person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) is to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of workers and others affected by the work.

Moving to the PCBU concept ensures that the duties lie with those people in the best position to control risks to health and safety at work, and that those duties are appropriate to their role at work.



Directors and other officers of a PCBU will be required to exercise due diligence to ensure that the PCBU complies with its duties. A due diligence duty supports the new regime, because officers set the direction and provide leadership in health and safety for their organisation, including making resource decisions.

This means:

- Small to Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs):
There is very little change to their duties, because of the more direct influence they already have on health and safety of their workers in a business of that size
- Larger business: The obligations of principals and companies that sub-contract out work are clearer and obligations cannot be contracted away
- Workers are covered no matter the working relationship (broader than employer-employee)
- Upstream parties involved in the supply of goods and services will have more explicit obligations relating to the things that are within their sphere of influence e.g. designers, manufacturers, importers and suppliers.

What will directors' duties be under the new law?

The proposed law will create a due diligence duty so that those in governance roles must proactively manage workplace health and safety.

The due diligence duty will include directors and equivalent governance positions in other types of corporate entities.

Although all officers will have the due diligence duty, the Bill exempts particular types of officers from being able to be prosecuted for a breach of the duty.

These are:

- anyone acting on a voluntary basis who receives only out-of-pocket expenses such as an unpaid director of a company
- members of a school board of trustees and
- members elected to local authorities and community and local boards.

Laura Black JP | Director | The Methodist Mission

Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa

Communities Count 2: What to ask of the new Government

ComVoices is an independent coalition of national organisations in the tangata whenua, community and voluntary sector. A wide range of community organisations contributed to this briefing and assisted in identifying the current issues and concerns of the sector.

Our sector continues to play a vital role in building a strong New Zealand. We work alongside the Government and the market and offer a unique perspective as well as providing essential services.

We have identified three key areas of focus for the 2014 General Election. These are explained below. We value collaboration and the opportunity to work alongside Government to address these three areas.

The next term of Government is an opportunity to strengthen relationships between the sector and Government. A true partnership between Government and the community sector would enable us all to improve the value of services delivered to communities and achieve our mutual aim of building strong communities.

ComVoice's members recognise and support the place of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and tangata whenua in New Zealand. This document and our practice are underpinned by this commitment.

We want the Government to continue to recognise the important place of Te Tiriti. Treaty based values and processes should be at the centre of all policy development and delivery, and should be measured and reported on by Government agencies.

Summary of recommendations:

1. Leave No One Behind

- i. Acknowledge the underlying causes of poverty and inequality. We urge the Government to make the choice to reduce inequality by setting out aspirational goals, supported by long-term and short-term strategies.
- ii. Address the barriers which hinder isolated and vul-

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nerable people (such as disabled people, ethnic and rural communities) from fully participating in and contributing to our society.

iii. Ensure that the long-term impacts on people and the environment are taken into account when developing policies to ensure social, economic and environmental sustainability.

2. *Strong Communities need Strong Community Organisations*

iv. Make a commitment that all planning work that involves community and community organisations is a “partnership planning process”, and needs to engage all the partners in the design stage, as well as during the actual work.

v. Formally declare that advocacy – “speaking for” – is part of the very essence of community organisations, and that this role is valued by Government as an essential element of a strong community and nation.

vi. Place Treaty - based values and processes at the centre of all policy development and delivery, and measure and report on them.

3. *A Capable and Sustainable Community Sector*

vii. Recognise the difference between purchasing social services and purchasing capital items, and work with the community sector to develop a fair and value-focused approach to procuring social services.

viii. Develop and implement a whole-of-government strategy to support and build sector capability, and provide the investment and resources to achieve this.

ix. Develop and adopt fully-funded models for contracted work.

x. Make a greater investment in research and evaluation so that individual organisations and the community sector as a whole knows what works and what is not working.

xi. Recognise the value and scope of the community sector. We need a ‘go-to’ place within government to ensure cross-sector work happens within government, not just in our sector.

xii. Commit resources to Statistics New Zealand to update the 2004 Non Profit Institutions Satellite Account.

Full article available on the ComVoices website:

<http://comvoices.org.nz/our-work/>



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State of the Community Sector Survey

The majority of community organisations recently surveyed report they are under severe pressure. The survey, conducted by community sector network ComVoices, highlights the high level of frustration and urgency being felt by those who deliver services, says group Chairperson, Peter Glensor. 311 organisations completed the survey.

“Most report they are doing more work than ever for less money, they are struggling to retain qualified staff, they see threats to traditional collaboration, and a few are facing closure.”

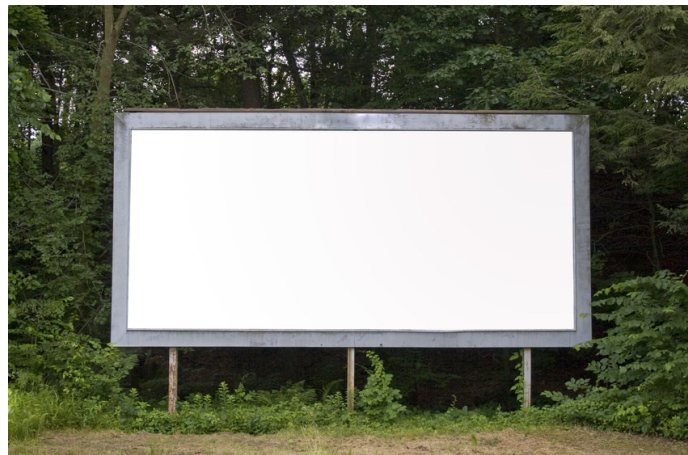
Glensor says there is huge frustration with both Government and philanthropic funding contracts and competitive funding models. “Community organisations are concerned that competitive funding models are changing the collaborative nature of our sector.”

“Organisations also experience a lack of understanding from funders—both government and philanthropic—about the administration and infrastructure needed to support service delivery,” he says.

Other significant survey findings were:

- 75% have more work than 3 years ago – but fewer than 40% have more staff than 3 years ago.
- More than 80% are doing more work than specified in contracts – 60% doing up to 25% extra, and 17% doing more than 50% extra
- 40% were unable to offer any wage increases in the last 3 years
- 6% report they are facing closure in the short term, because of financial pressures
- 60% are not prepared to speak out publicly

In the lead up to the General Election, he says ComVoices has circulated Communities Count 2 spelling out the priority is-



sues for the community sector to government and other political parties.

“We have consistently received feedback from community organisations that they are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet,” he says.

“Early in July we held a well-attended meeting which reinforced those concerns, and we wrote to a number of Ministers asking for dialogue on the issues.”

Based on these very concerns, he says, ComVoices conducted a survey questionnaire of community organisations. “The response was immediate and massive – 311 responses in only 8 days.”

“We have since also convened a meeting of community sector umbrella groups, who confirmed that the survey results echo their experience and that of their members.”

Glensor says it is crucial that practical actions are taken to address the immediate financial pressures. “In the longer term, we are calling for a new approach to funding of service delivery, to ensure value for money, while preserving a truly collaborative culture, which is essential for most community-based service delivery.”

Released 15 September 2014: comvoices.org.nz

Google Apps for Work is now free for NZ Non Profits

Here at COSSD we've been using Google Apps to manage our emails, calendars and some document sharing for a while. We've been paying for the service.

You may wonder why we would pay for services that seem to be available free to anyone signing up for a regular Google account. Unfortunately I thought that for many months too. After making the jump I realised I shouldn't have delayed.

Google Apps is for work – this means that the organisation stays in control of the account, what happens when an employee leaves and takes a free Google/Hotmail/Xtra password with them or you just forget it? If my experience is anything to go by – a lot of phone calls and emails to people trying to prove that you are indeed the true account owner.

With Google Apps for Work the administrator changes the password – locking your ex-employee out and keeping control with the organisation.

It's not just when things go bad that advantages come into play though.

Google Apps lets you easily create new users – you can even do it on a phone. Calendar sharing is easier and you can create calendars for resources – this means you can add a meeting room or a car to your meeting. It will only let you if no one else has booked it.

There's also unlimited online storage so you can back up all your files for free. All the usual Google treats are there too – spreadsheets, text documents and presentations can be edited online and shared – you can even edit them at the same time as other people. Google forms let you collect data straight into spreadsheets – from the public or

staff. You can manage devices so you can put limits on their uses or wipe them if they fall into the wrong hands.

And there are no adverts.

All of this is accessible through a web browser on a low powered PC, a tablet – Android or iPad - and smart phones.

Similar services are Microsoft Office 365 which has it's lowest tier service free and Zoho.com which offers discounts. You can also set up your own service using free tools but the big advantage of Google Apps is its simplicity of set up and use.

To access Google Apps for free there are a few steps: register with techsoup.net.nz, set up a free trial with Google Apps and then register at www.google.co.nz/nonprofits/join/

You'll need access to your DNS settings to get things moving – the people you buy your domain name from should be able to help with that.

If you are currently paying for Google Apps register and they'll stop charging you.

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Held on Wednesday 30th July:

This years 'Crash Course in Treasury" event here at Dunedin Community House had a great turn out.

Thirteen treasurers or future treasurers were taken through the one and a half hour presentation by our team of final year accounting students.

All attendants found the session useful and some of the feedback was:

"Very useful considering the sudden departure of our treasurer. The session was very reassuring and boosted confidence."

"Not too long and a good overview. I will definitely come to another session."

"Very excellent presentation"

Make sure you don't miss the next session—sign up for updates via cosd.org.nz and other resources at dca.org.nz

Free, weekly accounting advice sessions are available for not-for-profit groups. Please email lain.dca@cosd.org.nz or phone 4716177 to book in.



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The best way to start is with the Values Based Management and Leadership in the NFP Sector course, which lays a strong foundation for your learning around organisational values, culture and capacity; community development; your leadership strengths and skills.

It's on in **CHRISTCHURCH: 15TH – 17TH OCTOBER AND 11TH – 13TH NOVEMBER**, so grab the opportunity now! Once you have completed the Values course you can take most other courses on our programme at your own pace, over up to six years.

OK, so I am keen, what do I do now?

Enrol now to secure your place! Fees are about \$750 per course. Generous scholarship funding is available to subsidise these costs.

- You can contact Margy-Jean Malcolm, local South Island tutor – on mmalcolm@unitec.ac.nz or 021 832 976 or 03 474 1990 to discuss any questions about the courses, enrolment, or scholarships
- Go to Unitec's website www.nfp.unitec.ac.nz for more detail about the courses, locations, scholarship application forms and enrolment forms .



EXTERNAL REPORTING BOARD
Te Kāwai Ārahi Pūrongo Mōwaho

Update on Accounting Requirements for Registered Charities

The External Reporting Board (XRB), in conjunction with DIA Charities Services, has arranged seminars to update Registered Charities on the accounting requirements that become mandatory in 2015. The seminars are aimed at Registered Charities with annual expenditure less than \$2 million. These charities will be able to report using Simple Format Reporting standards.

The two hour seminars will be run throughout the country in October 2014 and will include:

- The new legislative requirements for Registered Charities to follow XRB Accounting Standards from 1 April 2015;
- An overview of the requirements of the Simple Format Reporting Standards issued by the XRB in November 2013;
- How the final standards differ from the proposed standards as a result of consultation with the sector during 2013 (which was the focus of the last seminar series);
- What Charities need to do now to get ready to apply the Simple Format Reporting Standards next year; and

Future opportunities to learn more about the Standards and how to apply them.

Seminars are being held throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Dunedin: 2-4pm, Tuesday 14 October 2014, Kingsgate Hotel, 10 Smith St.

You can register for the seminars on our website at the XRB webpage (<http://www.xrb.govt.nz/tools/events/>) You just need to scroll down to find the seminar you're interested in attending.

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News of interest to charities in New Zealand

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Supreme Court decision – Greenpeace

There has been widespread coverage of the Supreme Court's decision regarding Greenpeace's application for registration, which was released earlier this month – you can read the full judgment on our website (<https://www.charities.govt.nz/news-and-events/hot-topics/charitable-purpose-and-political-activity/>).

The essence of the Court's decision is that a blanket exclusion from charitable status on the basis of independent purposes of political advocacy is no longer necessary.

As some commentators have observed, the decision does not represent as significant a change as it might first appear – rather, it confirms that notions of 'charitable purpose' must continue to move with the times, as they have done since the enactment of the Statute of Charitable Uses more than 400 years ago. Charities Services, and the independent Charities Registration Board, will continue to apply the decisions of the courts when assessing applications for registration as a charity, and when monitoring charities' ongoing eligibility to remain registered.

While the Supreme Court decision found that political activity may itself be accepted as a charitable purpose, applicants with political purposes must still satisfy the law's well-established 'public benefit' test, and meet all the other requirements of the Charities Act 2005. The Supreme Court also confirmed that illegal purposes (either stated, or inferred from an applicant's activities) could not be charitable purposes.

In light of the Supreme Court decision, we are developing new guidance about political advocacy and charitable purposes. This will assist the independent Charities Registration Board in making future registration decisions, and provide information that is as 'plain language' as we can make it for

anyone wishing to apply for registration – charities law is complex! I expect that this guidance will be available later this month – please check back to the website for details.

New reporting standards

Work on implementing the new reporting standards is progressing at a great pace, and we have a dedicated team working through key areas such as group reporting and how the annual return form may need to change. Information is available on our website to help charities decide which tier they should report in, and new information will continue to be added as it is developed.

We're continuing to work with the External Reporting Board (XRB) and ANGOA to ensure the sector is well prepared for the changes. Together we'll be out and about in October to close off the XRB's consultation process, provide more detail about the requirements of the new standards and help charities get ready. See the article below for more details.

Annual meeting

Our annual meeting will be held in Wellington on 17 October and I'm delighted that Sue van Schreven of Orphan's Aid International, and author and skin cancer specialist Doctor Sharad Paul of the Baci Foundation, both registered charities, have agreed to address the meeting. Both our speakers have a real passion for their work, and we are sure you will find their views both interesting and valuable to your own charitable work.

The team and I are looking forward to catching up with you at the annual meeting, and talking with you about the issues that are important to your organisations.

Nāku, nā
Lesa Kalapu

Welcome to our new members including: The Associated New Zealand ME Society (ANZMES), North East Valley Community Development Project and Te Hou Ora Whānau Services. The following introduction is from another new member The Community Networking Trust.



The Community Networking Trust (CNT) operates in Gore. Our purpose is to lead and enable effective social service provision in Eastern Southland. We have seven staff members who provide a number of roles and services including:

The Community Connections Centre - a "Community House" providing office space and shared services to both permanent and casual agencies and organisations.

Heartland Services – access for the general public to various Government and community agencies and services through face to face meetings, online information, forms etc.

Strengthening Families - Case management process to assist families who are working with multiple agencies.

Social Sector Trials - A Government initiative to trial new approaches to social service delivery. The current targeted age range is 5-18 and the specified outcomes are to decrease truancy and increase attendance, decrease youth offending, decrease alcohol or other drug misuse, increase the number of young people participating in education,

training or employment and to support communication, coordination and collaboration with other professionals working with young people.

Bully Proof - A community wide project to address bullying.

Youth Development Coordinator – Provides support and coordination for local youth focused initiatives including the Gore Blue light Committee and the Gore District Youth Council.

Mataura Community Development Coordinator - provides support to the Mataura community.

We also facilitate monthly Community Liaison meetings for agencies and organisations working in the local community, as well as leading and participating in many community initiatives and projects.

Robyn Morris
Manager
Community Networking Trust

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Legislation	Stage / Progress	Impact	Legislation	Stage / Progress	Impact
Accounting Infrastructure Reform Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 2 December 2013. First reading 28 January 2014. Submissions closed 3 March 2014. Select committee report 20 May 2014.	This bill proposes amendments to rules on a) who can perform statutory audits; b) restrictions on legal form for audit firms; c) requirement for independent assurance of financial statements for certain charities; d) rules relating to how the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants is structured.	Defence Amendment Bill	Government Bill. First Reading 6 March 2012. Submissions closed 13 April 2012. Select Committee report 3 July 2012.	The Bill seeks to amend aspects of the Defence Act 1990 embedding and enabling organisational reform in the NZ Defence Force and Ministry of Defence. The reform goals have been set out in the Defence White Paper.
Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 9 December 2013. First Reading 5 March 2014, submissions closed 17 April 2014. Select committee report due 5 September 2014.	This bill amends the Building Act 2004 to improve the system for managing earthquake-prone buildings.	Education Amendment Bill (No. 2)	Government Bill. Introduced 10 March 2014. First Reading 13 March 2014. Submissions closed 30 April 2014. Select Committee report due 21 July 2014.	This Bill proposes to amend the Education Act 1989 with regard to professional regulation of the education profession.
Construction Contracts Amendment	Government Bill. Submissions closed 25 th July 2013. Select committee report due 11 December 2013. Second Reading 20 March 2014	Amendments to speed up the adjudication process and make it more cost effective and efficient for people with disputes under construction contracts.	Employment Relations Amendment Bill	Government Bill. Submissions closed 25 July 2013. Report 12 December 2013. Second Reading 19 March 2014	Introduces a raft of changes to existing employment legislation includes provisions on: good-faith requirements in an employment relationship (confidentiality); rest breaks; collective bargaining; obligations of employers in a transfer situation; strikes and lockouts
Credit Contracts and Financial Services Law Reform Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 18 April 2013. First Reading 17 September. Submissions closed 1 November 2013. Select committee report due 17 March 2014. Second Reading 10 April 2014. Bill divided.	Revises and updates the law governing consumer credit and financial markets to ensure responsible lending and to provide improved protections for vulnerable consumers.	Environmental Reporting Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 20 February 2014. First Reading 5 March 2014. Submissions closed 17 April 2014. Select committee report due 5 September 2014.	This bill seeks to create a national-level environmental reporting system.
Crimes (Match-fixing) Amendment Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 5 May 2014.	This Bill has been designed to "address match-fixing risks" which may be present when NZ hosts the Cricket World Cup and FIFA Under 20 (football) World Cup.	Harmful Digital Communications Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 5 November 2013. First reading 3 December 2013. Submissions closed 21 February 2014. Select committee report 27 May 2014.	The Bill implements Government decisions on addressing harmful communications and is predominantly based on the Law Commission's 2012 Ministerial Briefing paper Harmful Digital Communications: The adequacy of the current sanctions and remedies.



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Health and Safety Reform Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 10 March 2014. First Reading 13 March 2014. Submissions closed 9 May 2014. Select Committee report due 13 September 2014.	This is an omnibus bill that seeks to replace the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992 and the Machinery Act 1950.
Housing Corporation Amendment Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 5 April 2011, First reading 12 April 2011. Select Committee reports 12 May 2011.	The Bill amends the Housing Corporation Act 1974 to consolidate housing policy advice to Ministers within the Department of Housing and Building.
Human Rights Amendment Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 13 October 2011. First Reading 5 November 2013. Submissions closed 19 December 2013. Select committee report 30 May 2014.	Establishes the position of full-time Disability Commissioner within the Human Rights Act.
Immigration Amendment Bill (No. 2)	Government Bill. Introduced 3 October 2013. First reading 19 November 2013. Submissions closed 7 February 2014. Select committee report 16 May 2014.	Bill proposes a number of amendments to the Immigration Act 2009, including the introduction of measures to address the exploitation of migrant workers.
Insolvency Practitioners Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 27 April 2010. First Reading 24 August 2010. Referred to Commerce Committee, reported 9 May 2011. Second Reading 16 September 2014. Submissions closed 11 November 2013.	Bill creates powers to restrict or prohibit individuals from providing insolvency services, strengthening measures to disqualify insolvency practitioners.

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Judicature Modernisation Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 27 November 2013. First reading 5 December 2013. Submissions closed 21 February 2014. Select committee report 13 June 2014.	Seeks to implement the Government's response to the Law Commission's report Review of the Judicature Act 1908: Towards a New Courts Act.
NZ Superannuation and Retirement Income Amendment Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 5 November 2013. First Reading 19 March 2014. Submissions closed 5 May 2014. Select committee report due 19 September 2014.	This Bill seeks to facilitate effective investment of the NZ Superannuation Fund.
Objectionable Publications and Indecency Legislation Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 27 May 2013. First reading 19 November 2013. Submissions closed 7 February 2014. Select committee interim report 22 April 2014.	Proposes to increase penalties for trading, producing and/or possessing child pornography.
Parole Amendment Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 26 September 2012. First reading 19 November 2013. Submissions closed 17 January 2014. Report 16 May 2014.	Amends the Parole Act 2002 to reduce the number of parole hearings where the offender has little prospect of release.
Parole (Extended Supervision Orders) Amendment Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 17 April 2014.	Bill amends the Parole Act 2002 to allow extended supervision orders to be renewed as often as needed, and to expand the scope of these orders "beyond high-risk child sex offenders to include high-risk sex offenders and very high-rise violent offenders."



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Public Health Bill	Reported back from Select Committee report 28 June 2008. Reinstated into current Parliament.	Revises and updates public health legislation.	Veterans Support Bill	Introduced 14 October 2013. First reading 22 October 2013. Submissions closed 25 November 2013. Report due 27 March 2014. Second Reading 10 April 2014.	This bill proposes a new support scheme for veterans of military service and would replace the current scheme prescribed in the War Pensions Act 1954.
Public Safety (Public Protection Orders) Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 18 September 2012. First reading 18 September 2013, submissions due 1 November 2013. Select committee report 15 April 2014.	Empowers the High Court to issue a public protection order to detain a person in a secure facility when, "at the end of a finite prison sentence" they pose a very high risk of "imminent and serious sexual or violent reoffending."	Victims of Crime Reform Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 16 August 2011. Reported back 27 June 2012. Second Reading 6 March 2014. Bill divided 16 April 2014.	A package of reforms for victims of crime.
Smoke-free Environment s (Tobacco Plain Packaging) Amendment Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 17 December 2013. First reading 11 February 2014. Submissions closed 28 March 2014. Select committee report due 11 August 2014.	This bill introduces plain packaging for tobacco products.	Victims' Orders Against Violent Offenders Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 27 May 2013. First reading 27 August 2013, submissions due 10 October 2013. Report 27 February 2014. Second Reading 18 March 2013.	Will enable a victim of a violent offence to obtain a non-contact order against an offender sentenced to imprisonment for five years or more.
Social Security Amendment Bill (No. 3)	Government Bill. Introduced 16 November 2010. First reading 6 April 2011. Submissions closed 28 April 2011. Reports 12 May 2011.	This bill seeks to ensure equitable treatment for people receiving payments of weekly compensation, and of students seeking assistance for their accommodation costs.	Vulnerable Children Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 2 September 2013, first reading 17 September 2013. Submissions closed 30 October 2013. Report 17 March 2014. Bill divided 14 May 2014.	An omnibus bill that proposes amendments to the Vulnerable Children Act and the Child Harm Prevention Orders Act to protect and improve the wellbeing of vulnerable children.
Spending Cap (People's Veto) Bill	Government Bill. Introduced 10 August 2011. First reading 14 September 2011. Select committee report 16 February 2012.	This bill aims to limit the annual increase in core Crown expenses by linking it to the rates of inflation and population change.	Education (Food in Schools) Amendment Bill	Members Bill (David Shearer, Labour). Introduced 26 September 2013.	Seeks to provide a legislative basis for making food in schools available to all decile 1 – 3 primary and intermediate schools.
Taxation (Annual Rates, Employee Allowances, and Remedial Matters) Bill	Government bill. Introduced 22 November 2013. First Reading 10 December 2013. Select Committee Report 14 April 2014. Second Reading 27 May 2014.	An omnibus bill which makes amendments to various Inland Revenue Acts.	Electronic Data Safety Bill	Members Bill (Clare Curran, Labour). Introduced 15 November 2012.	Establishes a Commission of Inquiry into privacy breaches within government agencies.



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Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill	Members Bill (Phil Twyford, Labour). Introduced 24 October 2013.	This bill ensures every rental home in NZ meets minimum standards of heating and insulation
Land Transport (Admissibility of Evidential Breath Tests) Amendment Bill	Member's Bill. (Scott Simpson, National). Introduced 30 August 2012. Report 7 March 2014.	Widens the circumstances in which a positive evidential breath test is admissible evidence in a prosecution.
Land Transport (Safer Alcohol Limits for Driving) Amendment bill	Members Bill (Iain Lees-Galloway, Labour). Introduced 26 September 2013.	Lowers the allowable blood alcohol content (BAC) from 0.08g to 0.05g per 100mls of blood when driving.
Parental Leave and Employment Protection (Six Months' Paid Leave) Amendment Bill	Member's Bill (Sue Moroney, Labour). Introduced 5 April 2012. Report 28 February 2014. Second Reading 28 May 2014.	Extends paid parental leave to 26 weeks.
Sentencing (Protection of Children from Criminal Offending) Amendment Bill	Member's Bill (Le'aufa'amulia Asenati Lole-Taylor, New Zealand First). Introduced 6 December 2012. First reading 25 September 2013, submissions due 7 November 2013. Report 13 March 2014.	Amends Sentencing Act 2002 to make criminal offending in the presence of a minor an aggravating factor at sentencing.
Social Security (Clothing Allowances for Orphans and Unsupported Children) Amendment Bill	Member's Bill (Tracey Martin, New Zealand First). Introduced 6 December 2012. First reading 23 October 2013. Submissions closed 5 December 2013. Report due 20 June 2014.	Proposes to give the unsupported child or orphan clothing allowance parity with the foster child.

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Summary Offences (Possession of Hand-held Lasers) Amendment Bill	Member's Bill (Dr Cam Calder, National). Introduced 15 November 2012. First reading 25 September 2013. Submissions closed 28 November 2013. Report 19 February 2014. Second Reading 28 May 2014.	Makes it an offence for a person to have a hand-held laser in their possession without a reasonable excuse.
SuperGold Health Check Bill	Members Bill (Barbara Stewart, NZ First) Introduced 14 November 2013	This Bill provides SuperGold cardholders with an entitlement to three free doctors' visits per year.

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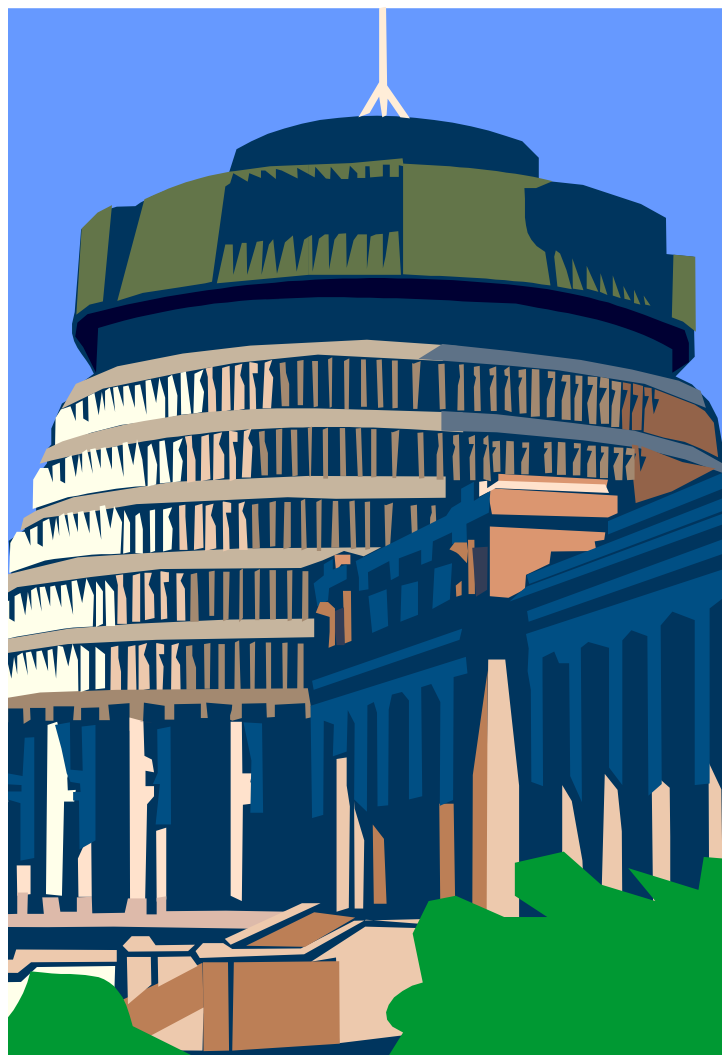


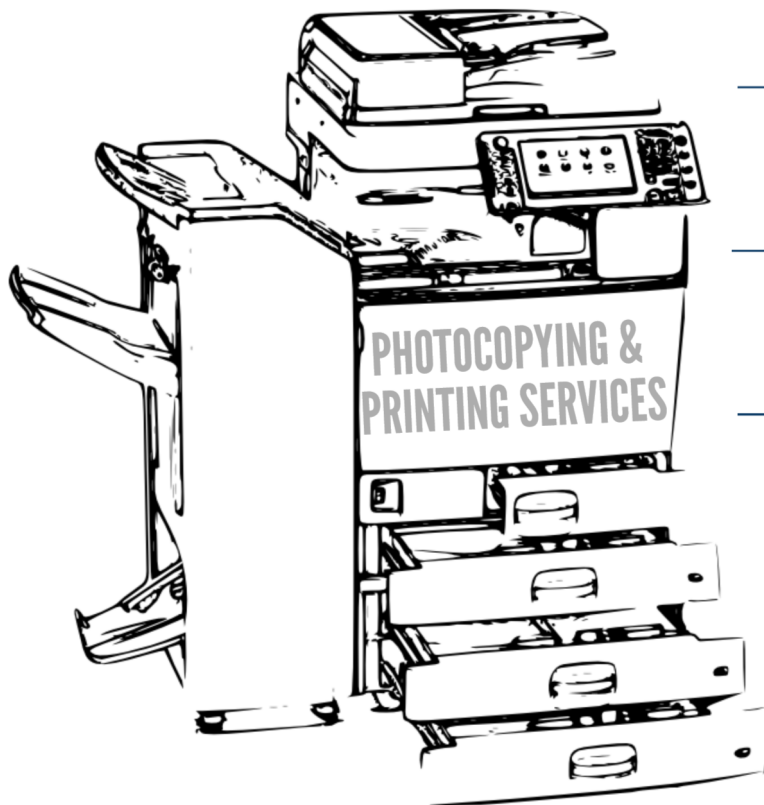
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